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fibrous material may be preformed before being laid onto the resin layer or alternatively, loose fibres may simply be laid onto the resin layer.

In The Claims

Please cancel claims ~~5~~ and ~~19~~.

Please replace claims 1-4, 7, 8, 14, and 17 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material adapted for use in multiple layers comprising:

a resin layer having at least one surface;

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a fibrous layer conjoined to the resin layer along the at least one surface wherein the fibrous layer is held to the resin layer by inherent tack of the at least one surface such that the fibrous layer is at least partially unimpregnated with the resin layer to allow entrapped air to pass out of the material during processing.

2. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein a first fibrous layer is conjoined to an upper surface of the resin layer and a second fibrous layer is conjoined to a lower surface of the resin layer.

3. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 2 wherein the first and second fibrous layers are formed from the same material.

4. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 2 wherein the first and second fibrous layers are formed from different materials.

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7. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein a tackifier and a binder are applied to an outer surface of the fibrous layer.

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8. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the fibrous layer is continuous.

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14. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the resin layer is a conventional prepreg.

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17. (Twice amended) A preform multi-layered moulding material for use in the production of the surface layer according to claim 16 wherein a woven fibrous layer is conjoined to a first surface and a nonwoven fibrous layer is conjoined to a second surface disposed opposite the first surface.

Please add new claims 22 and 23 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

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22. (New) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 2 further comprising an outer surface that is dry to the touch and does not include a resin material.

23. (New) A preform multi-layered moulding material according to claim 1 wherein the outer surface is substantially free of pinholes or surface porosity.
